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S. RES. 135

Expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should provide adequate funding to protect the integrity of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2003

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. TALENT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Frederick Douglass freed himself from slavery and, through decades of tireless efforts, helped to free millions more;

Whereas as a major stationmaster on the Underground Railroad, Frederick Douglass directly helped hundreds on their way to freedom through his adopted home city of Rochester, New York;

Whereas Frederick Douglass learned to write and do arithmetic on his own initiative;

Whereas as a publisher of the North Star and Frederick Douglass' Paper, Frederick Douglass brought news of the antislavery movement to thousands of people;

Whereas Frederick Douglass helped recruit African-American troops for the Union Army and his personal relationship with Abraham Lincoln helped to persuade the President to make emancipation a cause of the Civil War;

Whereas in 1872, Frederick Douglass moved to Washington, DC, where he initially served as publisher of the New National Era, intending to carry forward the work of elevating the position of African Americans in the post-emancipation period; and

Whereas Frederick Douglass also served briefly as President of the Freedmen's National Bank and subsequently in various national service positions, including United States Marshal for the District of Columbia and diplomatic positions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that Con-
- 2 gress should provide adequate funding to protect the in-
- 3 tegrity of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site.